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FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 91-07

WHEREAS the teaching environment does influence teaching and learning behavior, and

WHEREAS the third revision of PS-29 prohibits all animals except for seeing-eye dogs and prohibits eating, drinking, and smoking in all teaching areas, and

WHEREAS many classes, including those in animal science, dairy science, poultry science, veterinary science, veterinary medicine, zoology, food science, and human ecology, promote student experiential learning through direct contact with animals and food, and

WHEREAS the prohibition against animals, eating, and drinking removes the pursuit of academic freedom and full exploration of their fields of interest by faculty who believe that certain instructional learning is benefitted by contact with animals, food, or drink in teaching areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LSU Faculty Senate urges changing PS-29 (revision 3 - effective 1/18/91) to read (with changes underlined):

It is the University's intent to provide in all teaching facilities an environment conducive to study and learning. Any situation or deportment which disrupts the learning process is prohibited. Eating, drinking, and smoking are prohibited at all times in teaching areas, except where food or drink is considered an integral part of the course structure by the instructor. All animals, except seeing-eye/hearing-for-deaf dogs and animals that are provided by the instructor as instructional resources are prohibited in teaching facilities.

Faculty members are responsible for the enforcement of this policy in their classrooms and should report to the Building Coordinator any apparent abuses for which their classes are not responsible. A list of Building Coordinators is available from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Business Affairs

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